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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136, applicant hereby petitions that the period for replying to the Office action that was mailed in connection with the above-captioned application on June 24, 2004 be extended for 3 months, to and including December 27, 2004 as December 24th was a federal holiday and December 25th and 26th fell respectively on a Saturday and Sunday.

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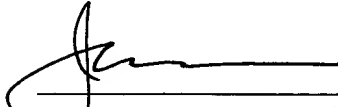
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